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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, RP

SUBJECT: TWO DES IN JAPAN

REF: (A) STATE 251989

(B) MANILA 10667

(C) STATE 200194

1. THE RECORD NEEDS TO BE SET STRAIGHT ON SO-CALLED MIS-  
INTERPRETATION OF INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING TWO DES IN JAPAN  
(REF A.) ON AUGUST 4 WE REQUESTED EXCESS VESSELS IN  
JAPAN, SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFYING THE TWO DES (PARA 5, REF B).  
ON AUGUST 22, THREE DAYS AFTER WE LATER LEARNED THE DES HAD  
BEEN AUCTIONED OFF IN JAPAN, WE WERE INSTRUCTED IN PARA 8  
OF REF C THAT "YOU MAY INFORM THE GOP THAT WE WOULD BE  
WILLING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO ACQUIRE THE JAPANESE  
SHIPS IF GOP STILL EXPRESSES INTEREST AFTER RECEIVING  
ABOVE OFFER." THERE WAS NO MISINTERPRETATION AT THIS

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END. THE PROBLEM AROSE AT THE WASHINGTON END.

2. UNTIL WE HAVE CONFIRMATION FROM JAKARTA THAT GOI DOES NOT RPT NOT WANT THE FOUR WHECS, THE GUNBOAT AND THE PATROL BOAT, THE SALE OF THE TWO JAPANESE DES SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE HELD IN ABEYANCE.

3. CONCERNING OFF-HAND REMARK IN PARA 4 OF REF A THAT THESE VESSELS "ARE NOT CONSIDERED BLUE CHIPS FOR ANY PURPOSES", IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE PHILIPPINE NAVAL CHIEF HAS SEEN THE VESSELS, IS IMPRESSED WITH THEIR CONDITION, AND HAS SAID HE WANTS THEM. THERE IS NO QUESTION OF TRANSPORTATION COSTS, THE PHIL NAVY WOULD SAIL THE VESSELS TO THE PHILIPPINES. OVERHAUL OF THE DES SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN FOR THE WHECS, SOME OF WHICH ARE AS OLD AND ALL OF WHICH ARE IN POORER CONDITION.

4. THE OFFER OF THE DES TO THE GOP WAS MADE IN GOOD FAITH AND IF WE ARE TO GET AROUND OUR INABILITY TO MAKE GOOD ON OUR WORD, WE WILL HAVE TO DO MORE THAN PASS OVER WHECS WHICH THE GOP KNOWS INDONESIA DOES NOT WANT. WE WILL NEED TO "SWEETEN" THE OFFER IN SOME WAY. THIS MAY REQUIRE US TO PROVIDE THE PHILIPPINE NAVY WITH SOME HELP IN MAKING THESE VESSELS SEAWORTHY, AT A MINIMUM TO SEW UP SOME OF THE SEAMS AND CLEAN OUT CORRODED ENGINE ROOMS.

5. IN ADDITION, WE WILL WANT AUTHORITY TO MAKE GOOD ON THE OTHER JAPANESE VESSELS WE WERE AUTHORIZED TO OFFER IN AUGUST 22 INSTRUCTION (REF C). THESE VESSELS ARE, TWO LSTS, THREE LCUS, TWENTY LCMS, TWO YASS AND TWO YFS.

6. THIS MATTER IS FAR FROM DISENTANGLED BY THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF A. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT THE SOLUTION RECOMMENDED IN THAT CABLE, BUT, BEFORE DOING SO, WISH TO BE SURE THAT ALL THE PIECES ARE IN PLACE AND WILL NOT RPT NOT FALL APART BY THE SAME INATTENTION TO DETAIL IN WASHINGTON WHICH CAUSED THE EMBARRASSMENT IN THE FIRST PLACE. THEREFORE, WE REQUEST IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION ON PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 5 OF THIS MESSAGE BEFORE WE UNDERTAKE ANY EFFORTS WITH PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS. REPLIES SHOULD  
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